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pendence by rashly taking up arms against English interests, but even the feeling of enmity is to be avoided in view of the fact that Africa lately has been the situation however its influence on the stability of parties in England. The cheers which greeted a reference by the late Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Home Office to the Liberal Ministry to the affair at Majuba Hill certainly do not mean that the Liberal Forwards applauded the defeat sustained there, but they may not improbably mean a dislike of Imperialism, or a desire to see the Government's assertion of what they believe to be their rights. Whether the right of the Boer is to ride roughshod over the right of the Uitlander is of course another matter; but the difficulty within the Liberal ranks may be traced to the last election because that question arises. It will be noticed that another cable mentions the remarkable June yield of gold from the Witwatersrand, which reached 145,766oz. Even this was no large amount, and it is not the figures which show that if hostilities should ever break out in the Transvaal, those who take part will at least have something to fight for.

The objection raised to the possible use of Dum Dum bullets in the event of war with the Boers is probably founded on a resolution passed by one of the commissions or sub-commissions of the Peace Conference now sitting at the Hague. This commission adopted by 18 votes to 3 a resolution prohibiting the use of bullets which would cause water cases, unless that case covered the core entirely and was free from incisions. The resolution aimed at the Dum Dum bullet, and it was opposed by Great Britain, Italy, and Austria. It is to be said that the resolution was intended will not be in the least degree affect British arrangements in this regard. It would doubtless be otherwise if it could be proved that the bullet came under the category of the prohibited one, but the bullet in question, condemned as unnecessarily cruel by the Geneva Convention. But the worst that can be said against the Dum Dum bullet is that it does its business quickly and effectually. With the smaller bullets used by the Boers, the larger bullets used have to be fired with great velocity through a sharp spiral of rifling. Lead was found to be too soft to stand this, so a harder case had to be put on the core.

The bullet used by the British army, is by no means an unnecessarily cruel missile. What is claimed for it is that the shock which it gives is strong enough to stop a charge. When it was used in India it was found to be preferable to the bullet in use in power, and preferred to charge Englishmen armed with the old bullet than natives armed with the new. This was a compliment to the Dum Dum bullet which is likely to outweigh the views of the Geneva Convention. After all, war is not made of rose water. So long as no needless brutality is used, any engine or contrivance which secures the speedy end of war—the victory of one side or the other—is not a curse to humanity. It is not a crime to use a bullet which has been used yet against European soldiers, and we may hope that the necessity will arise Great Britain is hardly likely to accept the advice of those who ask her to use a bullet which is in the most effectual missile known.

VICE-ROIAL NEWS.—Last evening the Governor visited the Tavoli Theatre, principally with a view to the performance of the opera. With Lord Beauchamp were Mr. Victor S. Corran, private secretary, and Captain Wilfrid Smith, A.D.C. This afternoon at 4 o'clock the Governor attended the Botany Town Hall. The ceremony will be followed by a luncheon, which will be held at half-past 2. On Saturday evening the Governor will attend the dinner of the University of the 19th instant the Chancellor of the University will read a reception, at which Lord Beauchamp will be present. The vice-regal banquet will be at the residence of the Seamen's Institute on the 21st instant will include Lord Beauchamp, the Dowager Lady Haglan and the Hon. Captain Somerset left yesterday.

MINISTERIAL MOVEMENTS.—The Premier will return to Sydney early this morning. A Cabinet meeting has been summoned for the afternoon, at which the various questions connected with the evening session will be discussed, and the terms of the Governor's speech decided on. Mr. Carruthers will be at the Treasury Department yesterday. He received a letter from Mr. Carruthers, who were the Chief Railway Commissioner, the Auditor-General, and the heads of other Government departments. All the Ministers will be present at the meeting, and Mr. Carruthers, who is a visit to Melbourne.

THE PROPOSED PACIFIC CABLE.—The Postmaster-General has prepared a table showing the estimated cost of the proposed Pacific cable, and how the various sums would probably be apportioned. The calculations are made for a single as well as a duplicate cable, and the estimated cost would be £3, 3d, and 2s per word. The estimated tariff only refers to that between Australia and New Zealand. It is one of the messages to the London Convention of 1890; but, as copper has considerably risen in price since then, it is estimated that the cost and the expense of the cable will be greatly in excess of the figures given. The returns show, in connection with the duplicate system at 3s 6d per word to Canada, that the estimated cost of the cable would be £252,774. There would be a loss to all the Australian colonies during each of the first three years, with a profit at the fourth year. So far as the Pacific cable is concerned, there would be a total loss during the first three years of £18,361, but there would probably be a balance to the good on the fourth year of £165.

THE STEAM TRAMWAY.—The City Council has been expressed that the conversion of the steam trams of the city to the electric system of traction will greatly interfere with the telephone traffic, and that it is necessary to take precautionary measures. From opinions which have been obtained from expert electrical engineers it is not thought that there will be any interference with the telephone traffic in respect of telephones other than those in George-street, the wires of which are still above ground. One-half of the telephones in George-street are now underground, and it will not be long before all the main street telephones are accommodated underground. In the event of a decision, therefore, which it will probably be necessary to treat with the metallic circuit will be one portion of George-street. The extra expenditure for the conversion of the system to a partial metallic circuit system will, it is thought, not exceed £30,000. It is intended that such metallic circuit as is necessary shall be constructed in connection with the new electric street new switchboard at the Post Office, which will shortly be erected.

NAVAL AFFAIRS.—The Falko brings word that salaries were seven months in arrears at the Admiralty and Torpedo at Sydney. Two of the officers of the Torpedo were very badly with the fever from the Falko left for Sydney. The Torpedo is a good ship, and is now at Sydney. Down to Melbourne, and the Elysian left Farm Cove for Jarvis Bay, where quarterly firing will be carried out.

AGRICULTURE.—Mr. Carruthers, Minister for Agriculture, saw a number of cattle at Gin Gin suffering severely from green tick infestation. The owner, under the advice of the Government, has taken measures to destroy the ticks. Mr. Carruthers is in receipt of a report from the Chief Inspector of Stock, Brisbane, that over 500 cattle were put through it without a hitch. The ingredients

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In reply to this the clerk had again written to the Chief Secretary, stating that the buildings would be new ones, and the Act gave power for the erection of a public library and caretaker's residence. It was estimated that £100 would be required for the works in contemplation, and the authorities were asked to issue the necessary authority to borrow.

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